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SUBJECT: UNGA DISARMAMENT: SEABED TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE

REF: USUN 5646

1. ADDITIONAL INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AMONG PARTIES TO THE SEABED TREATY ON DECEMBER 1 AND DECEMBER 3 HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE OF THE DATES FOR THE REVIEW CONFERENCE. A LARGE MAJORITY OF THE PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING THE US, UK, CANADA, ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS, USSR AND POLAND, HAVE EXPRESSED STRONG PREFERENCE FOR THE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD JUNE 20 - JULY 1, 1977. MALTA, TUNISIA, NEW ZEALAND, GHANA AND A FEW OTHERS HAVE STATED THAT IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO ATTEND THE REVIEW CONFERENCE AT THAT TIME SINCE IT COINCIDES WITH THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK (MAY 16 - JULY 8, 1977). AMBASSADOR GAUCI OF MALTA ALSO EMPHASIZED HIS VIEW THAT THE TWO SESSIONS ARE INTERRELATED IN SUBSTANTIVE TERMS, AND THAT DECISIONS MAY BE TAKEN AT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD HAVE A BEARING ON THE SEABED TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE. ON THESE GROUNDS, MALTA AND OTHERS HAVE EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE FOR THE REVIEW CONFERENCE TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 5-16, 1977 -- I.E., LESS THAN A WEEK BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE 32ND UNGA.

2. GIVEN THE INABILITY TO REACH A CONSENSUS, IT WAS AGREED

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TO HOLD A FINAL ROUND OF THESE CONSULTATIONS ON DECEMBER 9

TO RESOLVE THE MATTER. THE SECRETARIAT BEFORE THAT DATE
WILL CIRCULATE A SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS HIGHLIGHTING THE
IMPASSE OVER THE DATE OF THE REVIEW CONFERENCE, AND MISSIONS
TO THE UN HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO OBTAIN INSTRUCTIONS FROM
THEIR GOVERNMENTS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: US DEL REQUIRES INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING
PREFERRED DATES FOR REVIEW CONFERENCE.

4. IN OTHER ACTIONS, THERE WAS UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT
THAT THE BUREAU OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WOULD CONSIST
OF GHANA, ITALY AND POLAND, AND THAT AMBASSADOR WYZNER (POLAND)
WOULD BE CHAIRMAN OF THE BUREAU. IT WAS ALSO DECIDED THAT
THE AGENDA FOR THE PREPCOM WOULD BE MODELLED ON THAT USED
BY THE PREPCOM FOR THE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE.
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